

I would like to voice my opposition to Petition 04-160 as limiting local news and weather reports by satellite radio providers is contrary to the interests of the public at large. This action reduces the availability of current traffic condition information and important weather safety information to conventional broadcast networks, when the satellite listening public has abandoned these networks as providing inadequate service.

The petition serves as an attempt to limit competition in an already oligarchic market, reducing consumer choice, and restricting the commercial free speech of the satellite broadcast services. The effect of the petition is ultimately to reward local broadcasters for providing inadequate service and removes incentive to improve services.

Respectfully submitted,

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